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Milton in 1963 when a new stretch of the A10 was built from the war memorial

Slow start for Stourbridge Fair – 1923

WITH the proclamation of the ancient Cambridge Fair of Stourbridge there is the prospect of a six-week fair in that locality, though it is not likely to reach the magnitude of more balmy days.

This morning there was not a caravan in sight, but kiddies with a few pennies need not give up; something is sure to turn up, even if it's only a rock stall.

Spectators were but small in number, consisting mainly of youths and babies.

According to the proclamation, no unlawful disturbances should be made, and "all idle and disorderly persons" should depart forthwith.

Apparently, none of the spectators were offenders in these respects for no one made a move until they had scrambled for the coppers thrown to them by the mayor, neither did the rain-soaked constable on duty have to assist any ill-disposed individual in search for pastures new

Unitarians respond to hall appeal –1922

RECENT issues of The Inquirer have contained matter interesting to the Cambridge public.

About £4,318 has been received up to date in response to an appeal for the cost of a site and buildings for the Unitarian Church. A hall is now being built and will be opened for worship in the autumn.

The site has apace for the erection of a church, which will ultimately be built beside the hall.

The projected building will only be a development of a subsisting entity. A Unitarian Church has existed at Cambridge for the best part of 18 years.

Queens' Rector ejected from college – 1922

CAMBRIDGE is very different from most places.

Most of the churches here, until quite recently, have been served by ministers who were fellows of colleges and lived in their college rooms.

Before the colleges came, there can be little doubt that each parish had its vicarage but, in course of time, these houses disappeared.

But St Botolph's has been more fortunate.

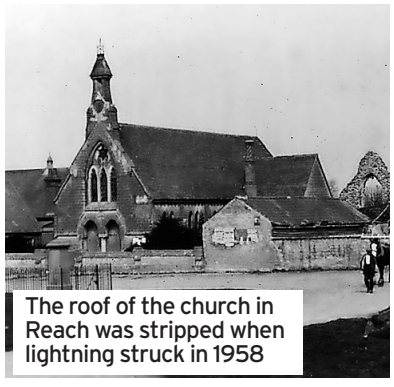
During the last 700 years there has always been a lodging for the incumbent somewhere within the parish, either in Corpus, or in Queens', or outside college walls.

For 300 years, the parsonage house was opposite the church at the corner of Silver Street.

A little ore than 50 years since, when the old churchwarden built the present fine house, the lodging there was given up.

But the parish still had its rector on the spot with a succession of rectors having the same rooms in Queens' College.

In these times, when there are so many undergraduates, the college needs all its available space and it is no longer content to have the rector inside its walls.



The roof of the church in Reach was stripped when lightning struck in 1958

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News from the Great War – 1914

Wounded servicemen being taken from the train at Cambridge station

Wounded back home

CAMBRIDGE is one of the principal base hospitals to which the brave men wounded at Mons have been brought; 150 are now being cared for at King's College, to which the First Eastern General Hospital has been transferred from the Leys School.

They include a Cambridge man, Leonard Cornwell of Gwydir Street, who was the very last to be placed in the train. So within a month of his departure he is back in his own town bearing marks of the terrible conflict.

Wounded boost trade

THE presence of the military has greatly improved the trade prospects of Cambridge and there is no immediate fear of unemployment.

The end of the Long Vacation is always a slack time but, at the moment, the town is busier than usual. It is not certain the town can rely on the continued presence of troops throughout the war and many firms are not sure how they can keep going.

The printing trade has been hit by the stoppage of trade circulars and advertisements, builders say contracts have been postponed putting plasterers and stonemasons out of work, and the position of college servants is being considered.

The problems of lodging house keepers may be overcome by the billeting of officers and the presence of relatives of the men in the hospitals. But they may not get the rent usually paid by undergraduates.

In laundry work, the hospitals and military have gone to the larger laundries and demand from ordinary householders has decreased due to motives of economy.

Tailors have sufficient work owing to the army orders but women's outfitting department report a shortage of custom. Several jobbing gardeners are out of work and owners of unused plots should consider putting them into cultivation to grown vegetables.

Already nine promising and stalwart lads from Histon have left good situations and enlisted. They include George Oakman and Arthur Pettit (former members of the Impington Boy's brigade) the brothers Wilfred and Albert Biggs, two 'crack' members of the 'Stutes' Football Club and Travers Brett (the local bicycle champion).
Charles Unwin and Stan Moore of the V.A.D. have volunteered for ambulance work at the front. In all, there are 33 serving with the colours from this neighbourhood.

Heroes of Mons

STIRRING scenes were witnessed at Cambridge on Monday evening, when, with thrilling cheers and tears of sympathy, a large crowd welcomed to the university town, now one of the most important Red Cross Hospital centres, 150 wounded soldiers.

The wounded were mostly from the regiments which took part in the fierce fighting at Mons (Belgium) and were brought up from Southampton, where they were landed on Monday.

The train with wounded from the front was delayed. Rooms on the Great Northern platform were converted into wards for serious cases before being taken to hospital.

Outside, a fleet of motor cars and tradesmen's vans converted to ambulances were ready to take the men to the First Eastern Hospital now at Trinity College.
It was not easy to lift the badly-wounded men out of the carriages but stretchers were placed on luggage trolleys and wheeled slowly along the platform. There were tears in the eyes of onlookers.

'Germans' held at gunpoint

PRIVATE Duthie, a Yeomanry private, was at Ellington when he asked the name of the village. Sam Heathcote, a dealer, said "I am afraid you are a German" and, taking a gun out of his cart, pointed it at him and threatened to shoot.

Duthie said he had the King's uniform on. "So had those four German spies they arrested the other day", Heathcote replied.

Duthie had no rifle and informed his companions what had taken place. They then took a rifle from a passing cyclist territorial and, although it had no ammunition, told Heathcote to put up his arms or be shot.

They took his gun from the cart. The trigger was at full cock with a cartridge in the barrel. He was sentenced to a month's hard labour.

600 volunteer for the Front

AT a meeting of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Association held at the County Hall, Cambridge, on Monday, at which the Lord Lieutenant was present, and Mr. C. R. W. Adeane in the chair, the following resolution was passed unanimously, amidst applause: "That the County Association has heard with pride and satisfaction that Col. Tebbutt the officers, the N.C.O.s and 600 men of the Cambridgeshire Regiment had volunteered for foreign service, and assures Col. Tebbutt that it will do its utmost to bring the regiment up to war strength."